

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

Persons Filing Upon Government Land Must Carry Out Conditions Laid Down by Uncle Sam.

Must Comply With Laws.

OMAHA—That the government means what it says when it declares that persons filing upon land must carry out the conditions of the home-steed law and not sell their relinquishment or otherwise dispose of the land for speculative purposes is brought to light in several suits just instituted.

United States District Attorney Goss has brought suit in the United States district court in behalf of the United States against certain parties in Cherry county for the cancellation of their patents to government lands. There are five of the suits.

The petition in each case states that the first named parties in the suits did not file upon the lands for home-steed, cultivation and settlement, that their respective affidavits on final proof were false, that the lands were taken up for speculative purposes and were immediately transferred to the second named parties in the cases as soon as final proof was made, pursuant to a previous arrangement made at the time of entering the lands. The petition also asks that the lands in question may be restored to the public domain for actual settlement.

These suits are but the beginning of a number of like suits that will be brought for the cancellation of patents in the cattle country.

R. F. Gillespie, one of the parties named in two of the suits, is now under indictment by the federal grand jury for conspiracy and alleged subornation of perjury in seeking to defraud the government of title to certain public land. All of the lands in question in these suits are located in Cherry county.

Fort Niobrara Not Abandoned.

O'NEILL—The report has become current and has been assiduously circulated that Fort Niobrara was to be abandoned as a military post. Congressman Kinkaid has just received the following from the secretary of war, which clearly proves the report to be erroneous:

WASHINGTON, July 15.—My dear Judge Kinkaid: There is no truth in the statement that Fort Niobrara is to be abandoned as a military reservation. On the contrary it will be retained for military purposes, especially that of encampment. I have just directed the allotment of about \$300,000 for an addition to Fort Robinson. Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

Notable Family Reunion.

GORDON—The home-coming of Frank S. Parker from his sunny home in Tennessee to enjoy a brief vacation beneath the paternal roof of Uncle Josh Parker of this place was the signal for a home-gathering. Letters were sent to absent ones, far and near, bidding them hasten to the sheltering fold of the old home, to join in the festivities and feast on the fattened calf. The home circle was complete and nine stalwart sons and daughters answered to the family roll call. This is the first reunion of the family held in thirty years.

Nathan Blakely Dead.

BEATRICE—Nathan Blakely, a prominent resident of Gage county and Beatrice for many years, died at his home in Beatrice of acute gastritis. He was elected to the territorial legislature in 1861, 1866 and 1868. In 1869 he was appointed receiver of the government land office and served in this capacity until 1875. He also served two one-year terms as county clerk in territorial days. He was 82 years old.

Boy's Body Found.

Surrounded by a flock of buzzards, fighting and tearing at his naked flesh, the body of little Eddie Goodro, the 11-year-old son of Silas Goodro, South Omaha, was discovered on a sand bar of the Missouri river west of Bartlett, Ia. The boy was drowned July 12 while bathing in the river.

Machinist Killed by Cars.

NORTH PLATTE—Dick Scully, a machinist at the Union Pacific shops, was struck by a switch engine while crossing the track opposite the depot in this city. His left leg was cut off and his head injured. He died two hours later.

Peaches to Give Away.

RULO—Peaches are ripening rapidly. The markets are overstocked and many orchards contain vast quantities of peaches that cannot be sold or given away. M. C. Brinegar has at least 1,000 baskets of them waiting, as he could find no place to sell or consign them in Kansas City, St. Joseph, Lincoln, Omaha or Denver.

Woman Accidentally Hangs Herself.

FREMONT—Mrs. Laura Foy was found hanging by her dress to some nails in the rafters of her barn, about eight miles east of town. It was at first thought she had committed suicide, but later information indicated that it was accidental. The boards of the floor were broken and immediately below on the mow floor were a number of broken eggs. It is supposed that she had gone to the barn after eggs, that the board broke, letting her through, and her dress caught, leaving her suspended head downwards.

Banquet to Church Home.

Friends of Major Church Home, former consul general at Antwerp, and now promoted to a similar position at Montreal, have received papers telling of a splendid farewell banquet which was tendered him by the Anglo-American Dramatic association of Antwerp upon the occasion of his departure from the metropolis of Brussels. The dinner was given in the banquet hall of the Paon Royal restaurant and was attended by all the consular corps of the city. Major Howe has made many warm friends abroad.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Ten cars of hogs were shipped from Superior in one week.

The republicans of Cheyenne county have instructed for Senator Millard.

The fine new Methodist church at McCook Junction has been dedicated. Thos. M. Ryan, for several years a resident of Platte county, died last week in California.

David Hume, who for many years resided near Harvard, this state, died recently in Oklahoma.

County fair will be held at Tecumseh September 18 to 21. A flower parade will be a feature.

During a game of ball Tony Duling was struck by a batted ball at Huntington and his knee cap was split in two.

Peter A. Davidson, a Union Pacific switchman, was killed by the cars at Omaha while in the performance of his duty.

The town lot sale at the new town of Keystone, in the North Platte valley, all the lots were sold in less than one hour.

The management of the York Chautauqua have now everything ready for the assembly meeting which will be held August 10 and end August 19.

At Beemer the 13-months-old child of E. H. Loney, was seriously scalded with boiling water. The little fellow pulled the stopper from the washing machine.

W. B. Ellis, alias W. B. Wilson, alias W. B. Elbert, a noted forger from Coffeyville, Kan., who was arrested in Beatrice some time ago, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Since June 1 sixty-one persons have been granted final papers in the district court of Dodge county, which is three times as many as are usually granted final papers in a year.

Insurance companies doing business in Nebraska which were organized in Missouri will not be permitted in the future to write special contracts. This was decided by Insurance Deputy Pierce.

Maupin & Son, who came to Beatrice recently to prospect for oil and gas, have sent for their machinery and have ordered \$2,500 worth of tubing with a view to beginning operations at once.

Charles Williams, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years about ten years ago, and who escaped last February, is in jail at Chicago and will be brought back to Lincoln to finish his little contract with the state.

Secretary J. B. Douglas has submitted the annual report of the Tecumseh Building and Loan association and the society is found to be in a healthy condition. The earnings of the investments is nearly 11 per cent.

A telegram was received at Beatrice from St. Louis stating that Mrs. Leonard Davis, a former resident of Beatrice, had brought suit for divorce against her husband. She names two married women, sisters, as supplanting her.

John P. Young, a pioneer and prominent farmer and stock breeder, was severely injured at his farm, five miles east of Oakland. While stacking hay a hay stacker fell on him in such a manner as to break one of his legs in three places.

The military board has finally selected a spot two miles southwest of Columbus for the rifle range of the National guard. The river will stop the bullets and parties afraid of spent balls would do well not to fish around that particular spot.

Chris Kosban, who has been working on Pat Gorey's farm, near North Bend this season, accumulated a big gas Tuesday and disappeared with his employer's horse and buggy. The rig was found in the possession of a horse trader near Schuyler.

Miss Florence Hawkins, a young colored woman who graduated several years ago from the Humboldt high school, has been employed as a member of the faculty at Booker Washington's university at Tuskegee, which work she will take up at once.

Announcement is made that Prof. T. L. Lyon, professor of agriculture in the University of Nebraska and associate director of the Nebraska experiment station, has resigned that position to accept the professorship of astronomy in Cornell university of which he is a graduate.

John Schilzer, one of the industrious Russians of Superior, saved money for some time to send to Russia to pay the transportation expenses of his wife's mother, brothers and sisters and their families to America, and this spring his wish was realized by sending about \$700 to them. They arrived in Superior July 17. The party consists of fourteen persons.

Mrs. Colonel W. F. Cody of North Platte gave one of the leading social events of the season, being a reception in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Armstrong Stott whose husband is a lieutenant in the United States army, and Miss Stott, sister of Lieutenant Stott. The reception was held at the elegant home of Mrs. Cody in the city, and a large number of guests were in attendance.

Mrs. Anna Pollock of Fremont, the woman who attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat, is pronounced by the physicians as insane and will be taken to an asylum for treatment as soon as her condition will permit.

Word has been received from the Kansas City parties that the packing house company organization at Beatrice will soon be completed and ready for business. As soon as the organization of the company is effected the work will be commenced upon the plant.

The Johnson County Home Telephone company, the new independent corporation with headquarters in Tecumseh, has bought the coal exchange and rural lines of the Adams Telephone company, giving a combination service with the town of Adams.

The Southeast Nebraska Fruit Growers' association met at Auburn. All members report a big apple crop. The crop in Nemaha county was variously estimated from 500 to 1,000 car loads. Apple buyers were present, wanting a total of 400 carloads. Prospects are for a good price for the apples.

RUNNING WILD!



COURT APPOINTS RECEIVER FOR ZION CITY PROPERTY

JUDGE LANDIS HOLDS TRANSFER OF ESTATE TO VOLIVA IS VOID AND ORDERS ELECTION FOR GENERAL OVERSEER.

Chicago.—John Alexander Dowie, months ago repudiated by his followers as their spiritual leader, Friday was declared legally to have no personal or private claim to the vast Zion estate. Wilbur Glen Voliva, present overseer and leader of the revolt against Dowie, was held also to have no legal hold on the property. Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court, Jeriding the famous controversy, placed the whole property in the hands of John C. Hatley as receiver pending entry of a final decree and designation of a permanent trustee. He ordered also an election by the people of Zion the third Tuesday of September as to who shall rule them spiritually.

Long before the hour set for the announcement of the court's ruling Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva and all the leaders who assisted in the overthrow of Dowie and many of his followers were in court, as were also the loyal supporters of Dowie. Broken in health and spirit, the hoary-headed founder of Zion was too weak to leave Shiloh House at Zion City, and received the first news of his defeat by telephone.

The Ruling in Brief. Following are the important points in Judge Landis' decision: Lands, industries and all property in Zion held to constitute a trust estate

in which John Alexander Dowie can claim no individual proprietorship. The conveyance by Voliva under power of attorney from Dowie of the Zion property to Granger declared to be "mere waste paper."

An election ordered for the third Tuesday in September, at which all members of the church living in Zion City since January, 1905, may vote for ecclesiastical leader of the church. If there be more than one candidate the tabernacle to be used alternately for campmeeting purposes.

Publication of Leaves of Healing to be suspended until after the election except for one issue, which is to contain the full decision of Judge Landis.

In due course the court is to make provision for Dowie because of his services in organizing and developing the estate.

Disposes of Bankruptcy Case. Judge Landis began the delivery of his decision at 11:15 a. m., and the reading required almost an hour. The case decided was the one in which William B. Holmes, a resident of Kentucky, and a stockholder in Zion industries, petitioned for a receiver. The decision, however, covers all the questions involved and at the same time disposes of the bankruptcy cases against Dowie as, under the ruling, Dowie's debts are the debts of the trust estate.

Judge Landis' sweeping decision sets at rest the controversy growing out of the action of Overseer Voliva in transferring the properties of Zion from John Alexander Dowie to Granger. Millions are involved, and all Zion, throughout the world, has anxiously awaited the decision.

PEACE CONFERENCE ENDED.

Text of Resolutions Adopted by Delegates at London.

London.—The conference of the interparliamentary union, after a prolonged debate Wednesday, adopted the following resolution:

"The interparliamentary union, now assembled in London, expresses the view that the second Hague conference should:

"1. By treaty define contraband of war as being restricted to arms, munitions of war and explosives.

"2. Reassert and confirm the principle that neither a ship carrying contraband of war nor other goods aboard such ship not being contraband of war may be destroyed.

"3. Affirm that even between belligerents private property should be as inviolable as that of neutrals."

The conference also adopted a resolution in favor of the discussion by the Hague conference of means to cut down the "intolerable expenditure on armaments." Another resolution provides that such national group shall apply to its own government to grant funds to aid future conferences of the interparliamentary union.

The decision as to the time and place of the next conference was left in the hands of the international council. It is expected that it will be held in Berlin in 1908. The conference then concluded its sessions.

The delegates were entertained at luncheon at the house of lords. A deputation of the visitors will be received by King Edward at Buckingham palace Thursday.

Former Monk is Dead.

Marshalltown, Ia.—Eugene Kraft, who was found dead in Chicago, worked here as a printer. It was stated that he had high family connections in Europe. He spent two years as a monk in a monastery in Belgium.

Visible Cotton Supply.

New Orleans.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a total of 2,394,955 against 2,565,379 last week. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,287,955, against 1,399,379 last week.

DAM CAUSES BATTLE

JOHN DIETZ DEFIES SHERIFF AND GUARDSMEN.

MANY SHOTS ARE FIRED

Son of Notorious Wisconsin Man and One of Soldiers Wounded—Women Aid in Fight—More Trouble Expected.

Milwaukee.—John Dietz, the homesteader who has held the Cameron dam on Thornapple river in Sawyer county against the combined power of the Mississippi Logging company and the state and federal government for the last two years, has been victorious in another pitched battle. The stories are conflicting, but all agree that a sharp fight took place Thursday at the Dietz home between Dietz and his family on the one side and Sheriff Gylland and a posse of half a dozen militiamen, sent by the government from Milwaukee, on the other.

One of the sheriff's men was shot three times and seriously though not fatally wounded, and Clarence Dietz, a son of the doctory homesteader, was shot through the head. Another battle is expected.

Battle Lasts Over Hour.

One account of the battle is that as soon as the sheriff and posse came in sight of the Dietz cabin Dietz, his wife, two sons and one daughter came out armed with rifles. After the first volley from the Dietz side one of the militiamen fell wounded, bullets having struck him in the ankle, hip and neck. The fusillade was returned by the militiamen, and when the smoke cleared away it was seen that Clarence Dietz had fallen. Then the posse retired behind stumps and trees, and for over an hour the battle lasted. Fully 150 shots were fired. Dietz's son was dragged into the house under fire and the place barricaded.

Official Withdraws Men. When it was seen that Dietz was determined not to give up, Sheriff Gylland and his posse retired to the Mississippi Logging company's camp at Cameron Dam, half a mile from Dietz's cabin. Doctors have been sent from Ladysmith to care for the wounded.

Dietz has stopped all lumbering on the Thornapple river for the last two years. He held that the logging company had no right to run logs through his farm unless they paid for the privilege. He demanded \$10,000 and the company laughed at him. It proceeded with the usual drive and brought down 20,000,000 feet of logs to Cameron Dam. There the men found Dietz fortified. He notified the foreman that if an attempt was made to open the sluice ways and run the logs he would open fire. As he is a dead shot with a rifle, no one was inclined to the job.

Warned by Neighbors. Arguments, threats and coaxing all fell on deaf ears. Sheriffs have tried to get him. United States marshals have tried to serve papers on him, but all sorts of devices have been tried, but no service has been made nor has he been taken.

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Madison, Wis.—Gov. Davidson Friday said no request had been made for militia to capture John Dietz, who holds the dam at Cameron against the Mississippi Log and Boom company. The governor added that if the militia assisted in the attempt they did so without authority. The sheriff will take no action until the governor's posse has been exhausted.

Alleged Assault on Major at Military Club Did Not Occur.

Paris.—An official denial was issued Thursday regarding the rumor that Maj. Dreyfus had been assaulted Wednesday by a brother officer at the military club. The official statement says:

"According to custom the officers of the First Cavalry division gave a dinner to two newly appointed lieutenants, and the minister of war authorized the officers, upon their unanimous request, to invite Maj. Dreyfus. The dinner occurred and was marked throughout by animated sentiments of the most perfect good fellowship. The officers separated towards 9:30 p. m. without the occurrence of anything which could give rise to the rumor put in circulation."

Not Mrs. Gentry's Slayer.

Poughkeepsie.—Fritz Cosentino, the man alleged to have murdered Mrs. Arthur W. Gentry, of Chicago, January 6, last, is not the man wanted by the Chicago police.

Entire Crew Drowned.

La Rocheelle, France.—The Danish freight steamer Nibobor, which arrived Friday, ran down and sunk a sailing vessel, name unknown, 15 miles off shore. All the crew of the sunken ship went down with her.

Lightning Destroys Courthouse.

Maryville, Tenn.—Fire destroyed the county courthouse, Harper's department store and warehouse, and several other buildings. Loss \$125,000. The fire started in Harper's store, which was struck by lightning.

Eight Hour Law Opinion.

Washington.—Informally the navy department has been advised that the opinion of the department of justice is to the effect that a battership under construction is not a public work under the eight-hour labor law.

Candidate for Congress.

Madison, Wis.—M. S. Dudgeon, an attorney of Madison, who was formerly a member of the assembly, has announced his candidacy for congress on the Republican ticket, to succeed the late H. C. Adams.

Supreme Court Justice Resigns.

Salt Lake, Utah.—Geo. W. Bartsch, chief justice of the supreme court of Utah, Wednesday tendered his resignation to Gov. Cutler, to take effect October 1. Justice Bartsch desires to resume the practice of law.

Deserts Wagon and \$200,000.

Pittsburg, Pa.—An express company put up a long hunt for a wagon containing \$200,000 in cash, which was deserted at night by its driver, who mistook a policeman for a hold-up man. It was found in the street.

Land Sinks Into Lake.

Sheboygan, Wis.—Thirty-five acres of cultivated land on the border of Long lake in Fond du Lac county sunk suddenly and is covered with deep water. The sinkage is supposed to be due to a slight earthquake shock.

POSTPONE CALL FOR STRIKE

REVOLUTIONISTS DECIDE TIME NOT YET RIPE.

Several Manifestos Issued to People —To Proclaim Russian Republic.

St. Petersburg.—At the end of a long series of conferences between the representatives of the central committees of the social democrats, social revolutionists, peasants' league, workmen's councils of Moscow and St. Petersburg, the Group of Toil, members of the outlawed parliament and professional leagues it was decided not to attempt immediately to summon the people to declare a general strike or armed uprising. The determining factor in the decision was the advice of the revolutionary military committee which reported that the time was not quite ripe. It was decided, however, to energetically push preparations and to address manifestos to the army and navy, peasants, workmen and the people generally.

The manifesto to the peasants in substance declares that the government, having denied land freedom, had dissolved parliament, in which the peasants' hopes were centered, and they now had no reason to wait any longer. The manifesto to the soldiers and sailors tells them that they are brothers of the masses who are fighting for liberty and took an oath not only to defend the emperor but the country and that it is their duty now to side with the people. A general manifesto to the nation says the moment has arrived when the people must take liberty into their own hands. A separate address was issued to the Cossacks.

Khar'kov.—The revolutionists are actively preparing for an armed uprising and a proclamation of the republic of Khar'kov in the autumn. It was determined in the meantime to avoid conflicts with the authorities. The revolutionists have the sympathies of a large proportion of the population.

The French vice consul here has received very disquieting news from French industrial establishments at Yuzovka, the principal smelting center in the south of Russia, where 40,000 workmen have armed themselves and have organized a disciplined rifle legion of 1,000 members under former army officers. The Russian troops are useless in the emergency, having fraternized with the strikers almost continuously. The workmen's demands amount practically to confiscation of the plants.

PREPARING TO PUBLISH RATES

Interstate Board Offers to Cooperate With Railroads.

Washington.—Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, on behalf of the commission, has directed a letter to all railroad companies and corporations of the United States calling their special attention to section six of the recently enacted railroad freight rate law. The section provides that every common carrier, subject to the provisions of the act, shall file with the commission and keep open to the public for inspection, schedules "showing all the rates, fares and charges for transportation between different points on its own route and between points on its own route and points on the route of any other carrier by railroad, pipe line, or by water when a through route and joint rate have been established."

The commission will cordially cooperate with representatives of the carriers, and will freely discuss with them all pertinent questions. Methods those designed to effectuate immediate substantial compliance with the amended law as well as those intended to be permanently applicable.

Big Plans for Irrigation.

SHOSHONI, Wyo.—After making ten trips across the reservation, C. E. Freeman, the expert representing Arnold & Co. of Chicago, is prepared to recommend to his company that they expend in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000 in the building of irrigation works, power plants, mills, etc., for the development of the country now contained in the big Shoshone reservation. Mr. Freeman has made an unusually close inspection of the land and is very enthusiastic over the possibilities of the country. His company will make bids on the construction of these canals, one of which will be seventy miles long and will irrigate in the neighborhood of 250,000 acres of land.

Iowa Aeronaut Injured.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Joseph McManna, an aeronaut from a small town near Des Moines, Ia., will probably die as the result of a fall at the Salt palace Sunday. He ascended in a cannon attached to a balloon. When the cannon, sustained by a parachute, was cut loose from the balloon McManna undertook to drop from the muzzle of the cannon with a second parachute. The apparatus did not work properly and the aeronaut dropped 150 feet.

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Robbers Make a Rich haul.

WARSAW.—The postal car robbed on the Warsaw-Vienna railroad near this city Saturday night contained a package of \$60,000 in cash from abroad and at least \$50,000 additional funds. The actual amount taken by the robbers cannot as yet be stated, as the documents attached to the money parcels are missing. The officers and the entire crew of the Volga steamer Kurjer have been arrested for placing the steamer at the disposal of the robbers who held up a train on the Volga railway last week.

TROOPS REVOLT

ONE BATTALION ATTACKS THE ARTILLERY BARRACKS.

MACHINE GUNS SUBDUED THEM

News of the Outbreak Kept From the People of St. Petersburg — Situation at Shusha and Other Places Decidedly Serious.

POLTAVA, Russia.—A grave outbreak occurred Sunday in the Sevsk regiment, following the arrest of a private of the First battalion who was discovered with some other soldiers in a shed where the revolutionists are in the habit of holding meetings. After the arrest the entire battalion, accompanied by a large crowd paraded the streets in defiance of the military authorities. The soldiers proceeded to the artillery barracks, where they seized several guns and marched with them to the prison where the political prisoners are confined. At this stage all the remainder of the Poltava garrison was called out. The loyal troops fired on the mutineers with machine guns as they were engaged in breaking down the gate to the prison. Several men were killed or wounded. The outbreak was not suppressed until 2 o'clock in the morning.

ST. PETERSBURG.—No news of the formidable revolt at Poltava, which was first predicted in revolutionary manifestos in southern Russia, will reach the Russian public through the press Monday. Dispatches of the occurrence have been suppressed here, and only scanty details are obtainable through the foreign press correspondents through the regular telegraphic channels. The revolutionists here, however, who are almost as promptly and fully informed as the government, declare the trouble to be far from over. An official dispatch gives credit to the statement that machine gun detachments and Cossacks are being used to suppress the mutinous battalion.

There is the same paucity of details regarding the outbreak at Shusha, in the Caucasus. This outbreak, however, is not due to revolutionary causes, but the immemorial hatred that exists between Armenians and Tartars.

The situation at Shusha had become so tense that the governor divided the quarters inhabited by the two races by a "dead line" which neither faction was permitted to cross. The Tartars violated the order not to cross and commenced a battle. The garrison interfered when the combat became general and bombarded without partially both camps with twenty-one guns. The town is said to have been to a large extent destroyed. The "lasting peace" which the two races are said to be drawing up, if judged by past similar agreements, will be only a hollow truce which neither race has any intention of observing.

ENGINE IN THE RIVER.

Pacific Express on New York Central Runs into a Landslide.

FISHKILL LANDING, N. Y.—Pacific Express train No. 37 of the New York Central & Hudson River railroad, which left Grand Central station in New York at 9:32 Sunday, was wrecked shortly before midnight a short distance above Chelsea, and eleven miles below Poughkeepsie, by running down into a landslide which had swept down from a high embankment by a terrific rainstorm in the afternoon. The engine of the flyer was thrown from the rails and plunged into the river. Fireman Mills was killed outright and Engineer Edward Wells was so badly injured that he will die. Fifteen passengers were seriously injured and a score of others received minor hurts.

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